

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Submitting Entity

Ozark Telephone Company, 816 Oneida Street, Seneca, Missouri is an ILEC which currently provides telecommunications services within the Noel and Southwest City exchange areas in the extreme southwest corner of Missouri, southeast corner of Oklahoma, and northwest corner of Arkansas in accordance with tariff filings with each state to provide such services. In addition to standard telephony services (telephone, voice mail, custom calling features, etc.), Ozark Telephone Company provides other enhanced services which includes (but is not limited to) direct inward/outward dialing services, broadband services for internet, IP video service, etc.

Proposed Service Area

The proposed service area will encompass the city limits of Sulphur Springs, Arkansas and Gravette, Arkansas within census blocks 05007020902 and 05007021001 with emphasis on schools, libraries, businesses, medical facilities, residences, etc. To provide service to these locations, facilities will also pass residential structures. Therefore, it was decided to provide service to all establishments within the city limits.

Deployment of Broadband Technology

Fiber to the home will be deployed utilizing APON technology. Services will be distributed from multiple electronic cabinet locations equipped with the necessary electronics located within the city limits, as necessary. A detailed layout design of the fiber facility has not been made due to the short time request allowed for the Expression of Interest. Estimates were based on data from the latest city census data, square mileage within the city limits, and other data. The drawings provided delineates the proposed initial route from the Noel, Missouri exchange to Gravette, Arkansas passing through Sulphur Springs, Arkansas as well as the main route within Gravette, Arkansas to the schools. Other fiber facilities to businesses, residences, hospitals, etc. have not been shown but will be provided. All voice, broadband and video services will be provided via the Noel, Missouri facilities. Pricing of services to be provided will be as allowed per the current tariff filing for Ozark Telephone Company with the State of Arkansas, new rates will be requested and the current tariff revised, or Ozark Telephone Company will request CLEC status.

State and/or Tribal Government Participation

State and/or Tribal government participation is not known at this time. However, fiber facilities will be available should the need arise. There has been no contact with any State or Tribal entities. Ozark Telephone Company will comply with all Federal, State, County, City, Tribal, and private land permitting processes. In addition, an Environmental Impact Study must be made prior to any construction activities. The time of completion of the proposed project will be dependent upon these factors.

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Funding Requirements

Funding requested is anticipated to be adequate for the proposed project, however it may be necessary to request additional funding for the project, if necessary. Additional funding may be necessary for higher than normal construction areas, additional facilities for areas not included in the estimate (i.e. annexed areas by the city), remote business and/or institutions requiring service outside the city limits. In addition, additional funding will be required if services are required to be extended outside the city limits of Sulphur Springs, Arkansas and Gravette, Arkansas.

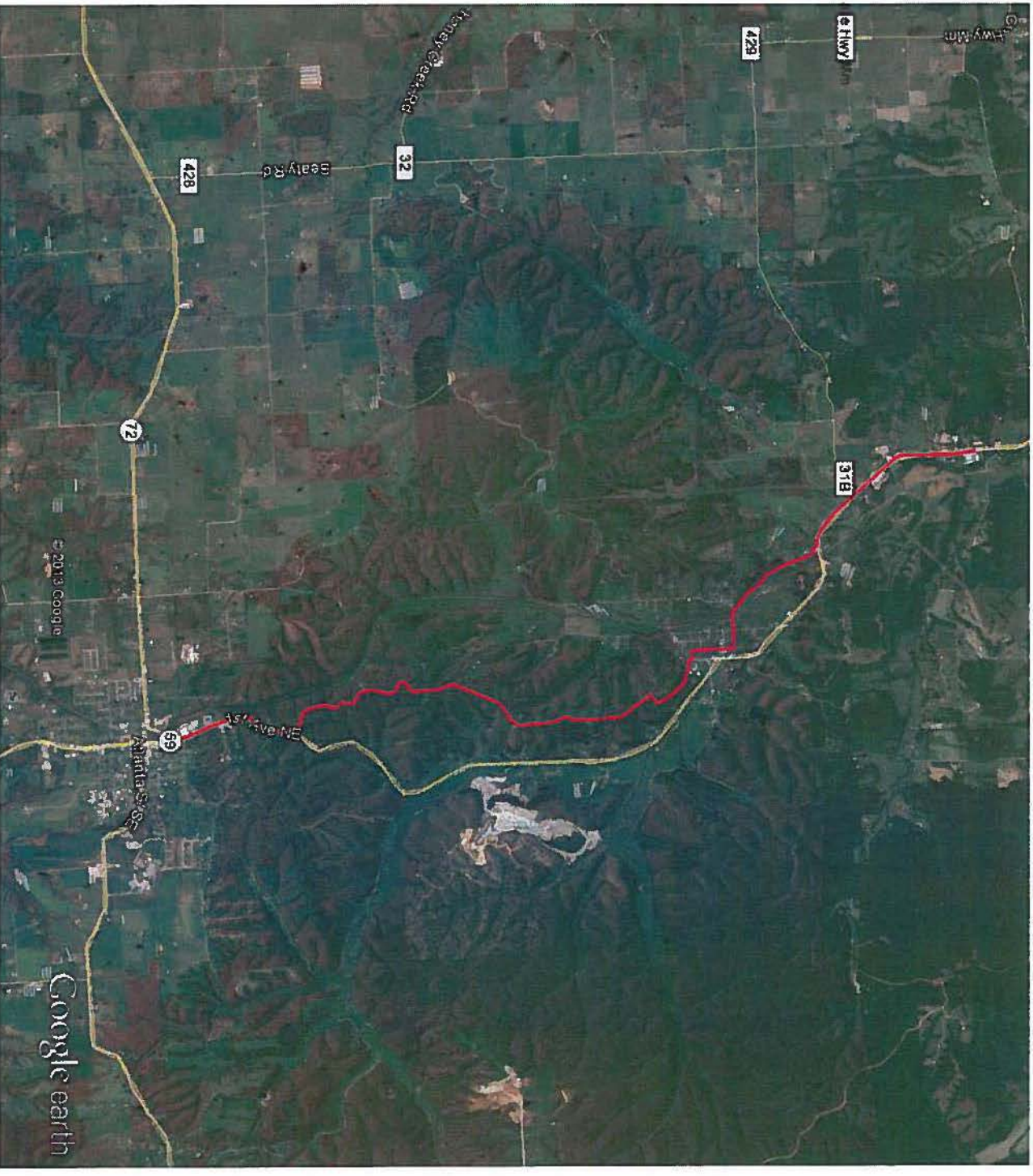
Funding Request

Cable Facilities	\$3,788,825
Electronics	\$1,622,350
Engineering and Tel Co OH	\$811,675
Environmental Study	\$40,000
Total	\$6,262,850

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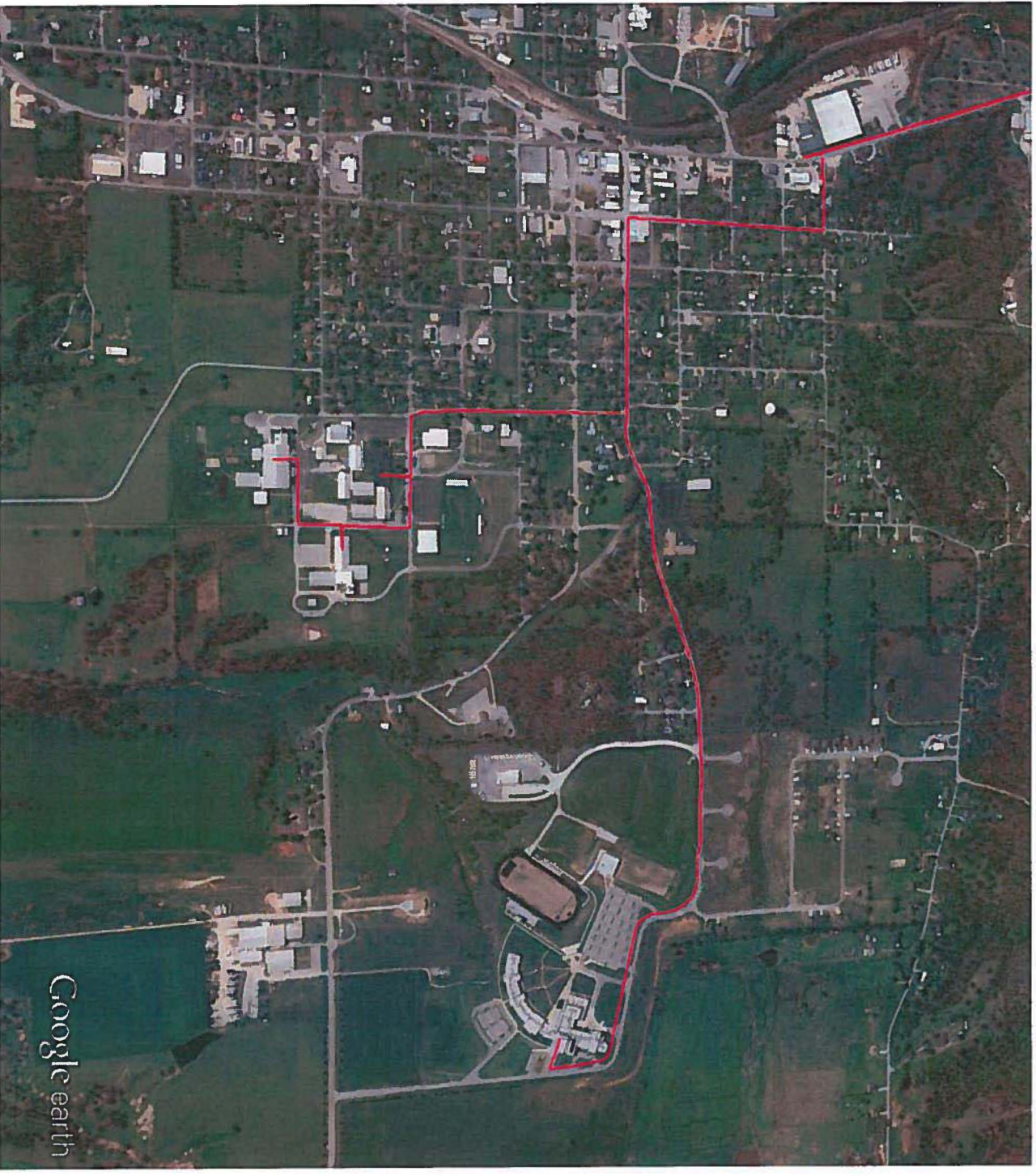
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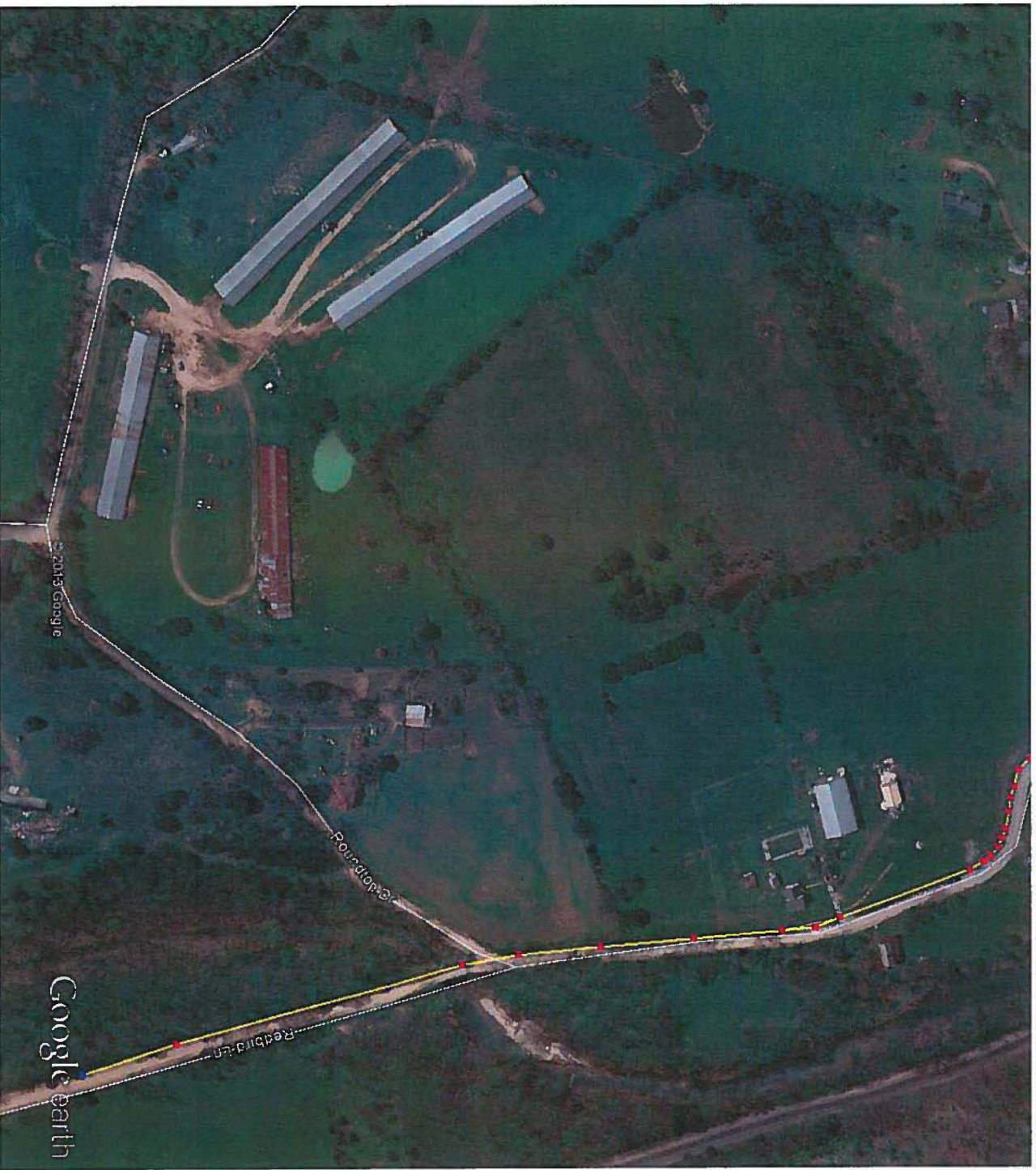
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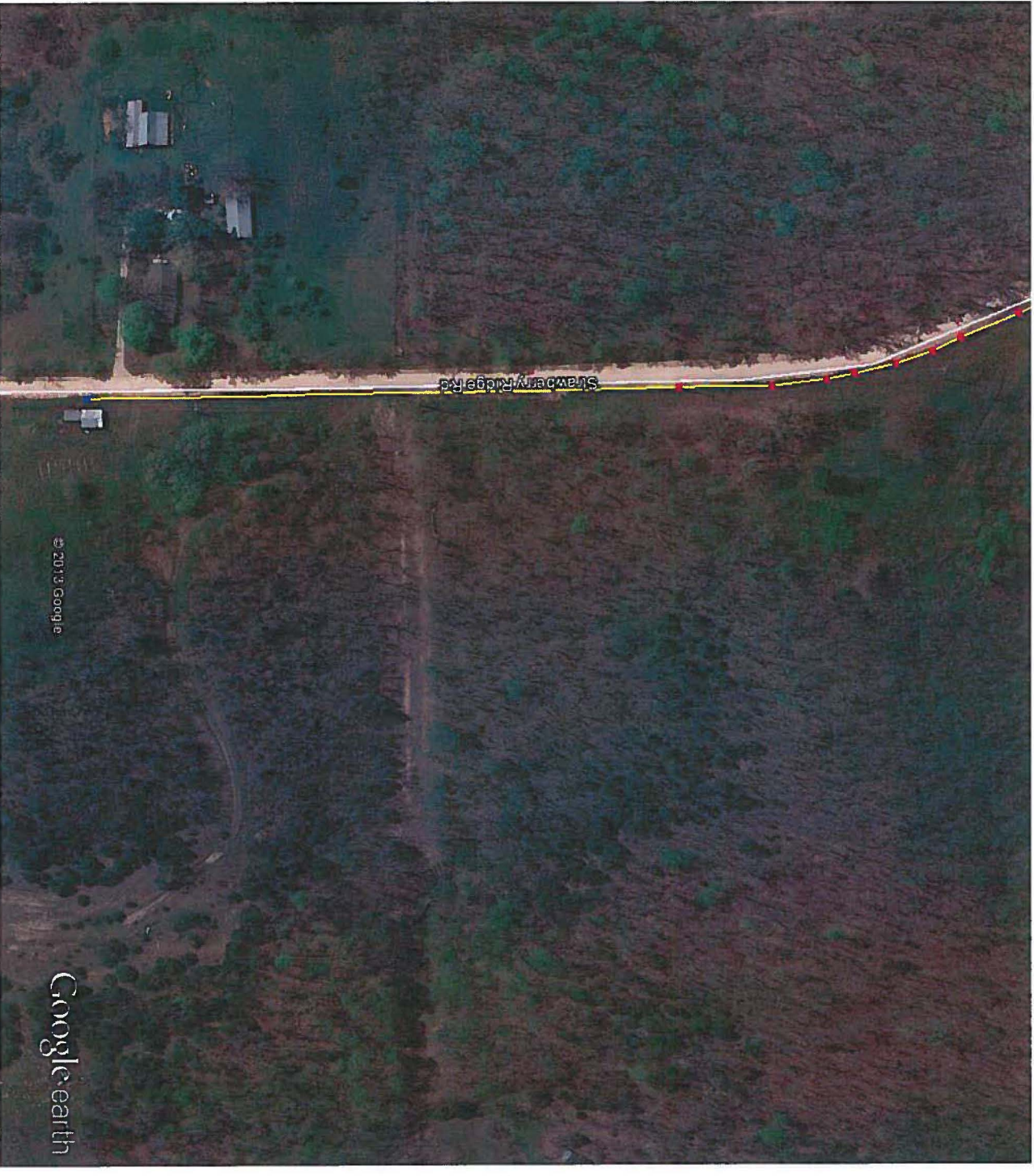


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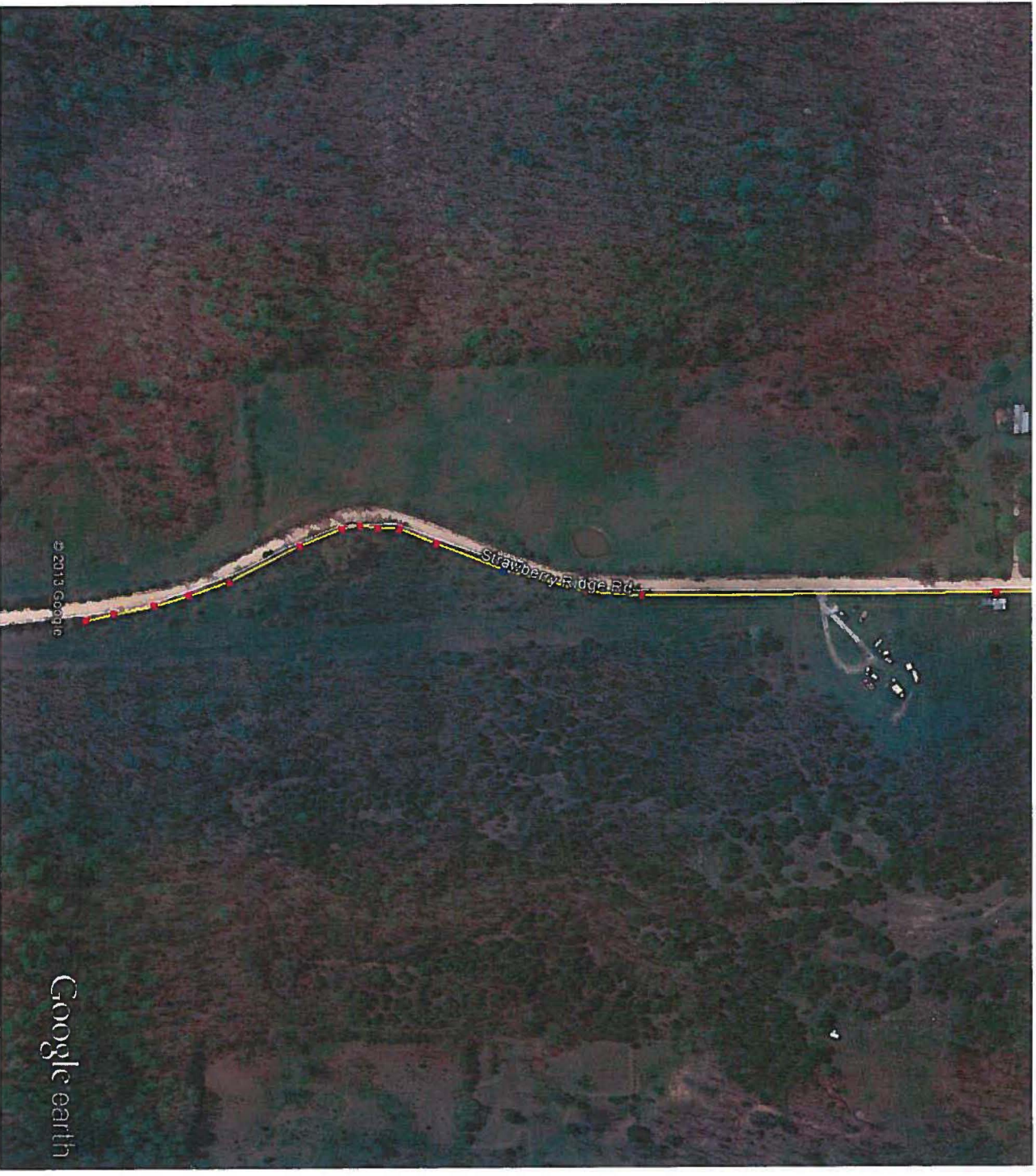




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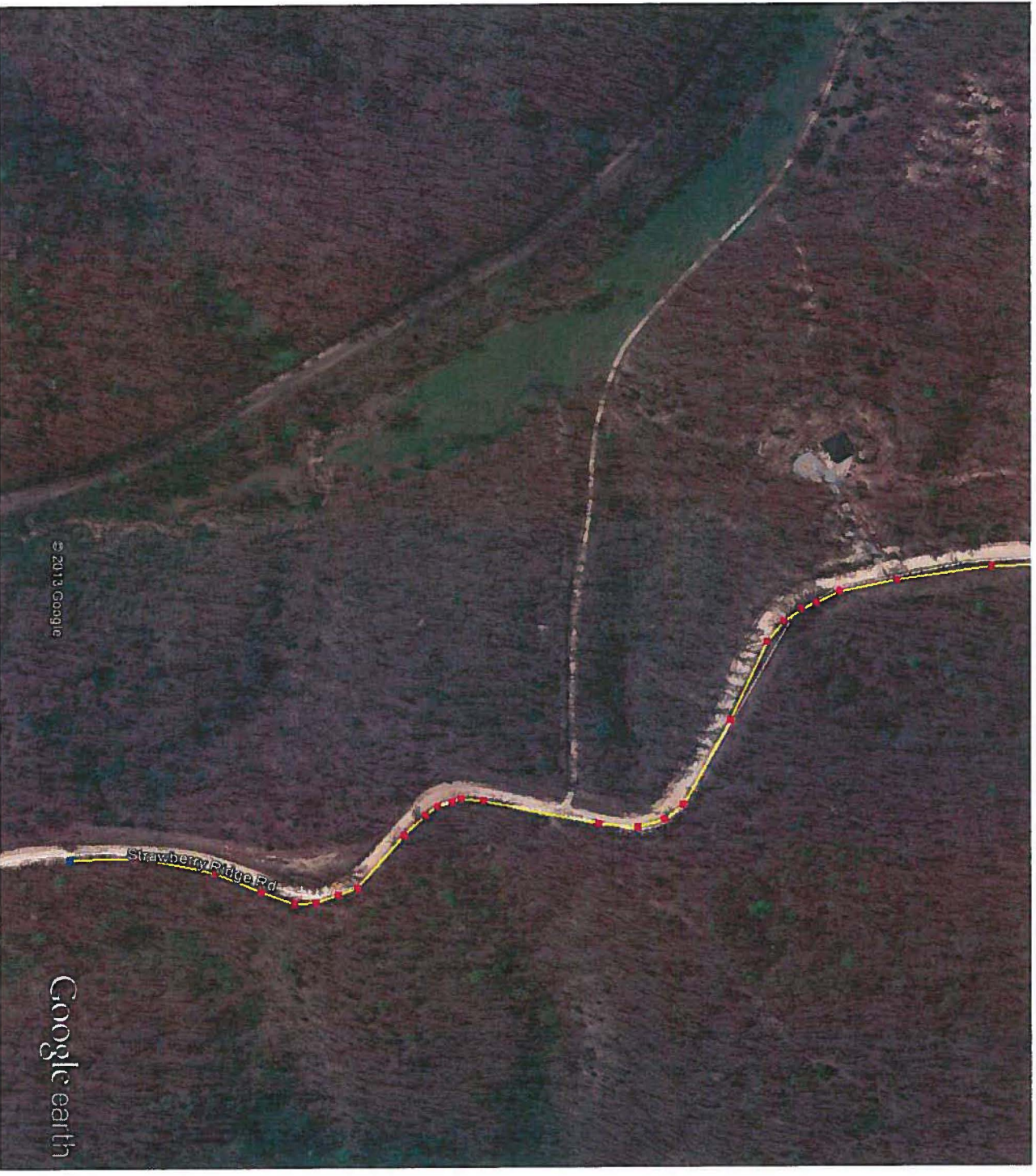


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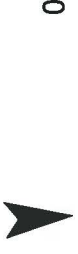


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